

# Drag Champs Go at Lions

The second meeting of the Western Drag Racing Championships will be held this Saturday night at Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach. Because of last week's rain-shortened contest, the finals and semifinals of that meet will have to be finished this week, giving fans a double bill, with two \$1000 top eliminator races running the same night.

Four drivers were left in competition when the rains came; they were Lefty Muddersbach, Pico-Rivera; Tom McEwen, Long Beach; Zane Shubert, Santa Ana, and Roger Wolford, Torrance. All four of these drivers will also compete in the regular meet which will start with time trials at 2 p.m., eliminations at 6:30.

Favored again this week will be McEwen and Muddersbach. However, Dode Martin of Carlsbad, who had top time in last week's meet, is expected to turn in a great performance.

Also in action again this week will be National Champion, Jack Chrisman of Compton, Bob Muravez of Burbank, Glen Stokey of Redondo Beach, and some 35 other drivers. Strip officials expect over 300 cars in all to participate in the program.

## Intersectional Pits El Camino With Boise

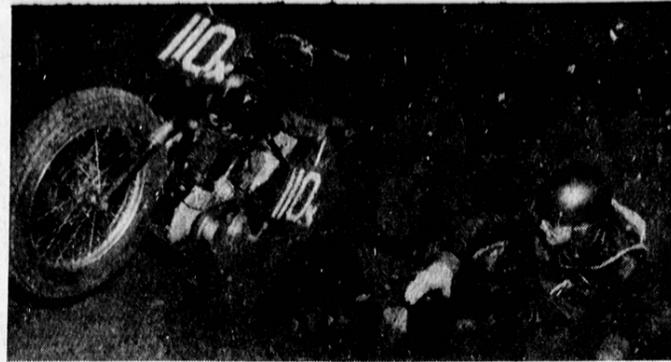
Coach Norm Verry's El Camino College varsity eleven will take to the air lanes to meet Boise, Idaho J.C. in the capitol city, Saturday night.

Boise, perennially a strong unit, favors the single wing formation over the popular T-formation. This will be the Warriors' final airborne trial as ECC has banned future out-of-state trips.

The Warriors sport a potential powerhouse with several returning lettermen mixed in with a rich assortment of rookie sensations. Line size and depth is no longer a problem for Verry, who lists fifteen bulls weighing in at over 200 pounds.

The Warrior head mentor is once again blessed with a pair of outstanding ends with Mike Andrews and Kurt Altenberg answering the starting call.

Although defeated by an exceptionally strong Alumn squad, 8-0, the Indians displayed signs of a winning season in their opening scrimmage. Jim Allison and Jerry Thagard, two speedy backs, reeled off long gallops with amazing consistency.



HEY, COME ON BACK... Lowell Becker looks on as his motorcycle runs away from him during a race at Gardena's Western Speedway where big time motorcycle racing under the sanction of the United States Motorcycle Club returns for the first time in four years this Saturday at 8 p.m. Two fifty lap features highlight the nights racing card. Leading riders include: Preston Petty, Jeff Speary, Ronnie Nelson, Marty Melchow, Joey Plain, Cliff Ackland, Lee Bartkowski and some forty others.



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Preston Petty, Woodland Hills, heads a field of 50 motorcycle racers who will usher in the return of Big Time Motorcycle racing to Gardena's Western Speedway under the sanction of the United States Motorcycle Club (USMC) this Saturday night. Also on the program will be racing Kart events.

George French, Western executive director of the USMC stated that a field of over 50 riders will be in action on the popular one-third mile clay oval. It will be the first motorcycle race at the Western Ave. speedplant in four years. The karts will race on a new B course in the infield.

Over 100 laps of racing are on the night's card, highlighted by two 50-lap Grand Prix main events. One will be for bikes up to 250cc (15 cubic inches) and the other for unlimited size machines.

Petty, fresh from winning the 500-lap National Championship T.T. Scrambles at Fayetteville, North Carolina, two weeks ago, and the seven-mile Amateur Final at Ascot earlier this year, will be astride a BSA single for the night's class A main event.

He will face stiff competition from point leader, Marty Malchow of San Francisco; Larry Ortnor, Pacific winner of the Northern California Grand Prix last month at Sacramento; Joey Plain, upcoming racing sensation from Richmond; and Ronnie Nelson, novice threat from Palmdale.



FAVORED... Preston Petty, Big Time Motorcycle racer will be favored to cop his favorite race this Saturday night at Western Speedway where the big Cycles return after a lengthy absence.

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